

The Hongkong Telegraph.

(ESTABLISHED 1881.)

NEW SERIES No. 4439.

日十二月一十年九十二精光

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1904.

四拜禮

號七月正英港香

\$30 PER ANNUM.
SINGLE COPY, 10 CENTS.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 9,210,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.
TOKIO. KOREA.
NAGASAKI. LONDON.
LYONS. NEW YORK.
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.
BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.
TIENTSIN. NEWCHANG.
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND
SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [21]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$16,000,000
STERLING RESERVE \$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE \$16,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPERTIES \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
A. J. RAYMOND, Esq., Chairman.
H. E. TOMKINS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
Hon. C. W. DICKSON. N. A. SIEBS, Esq.
E. GOETZ, Esq. H. W. SLIDE, Esq.
C. MICHAEL, Esq. C. A. TOMES, Esq.
H. SCHUBERT, Esq. E. S. WHEELER, Esq.
E. SHELLIM, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TOKYO—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [22]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on a FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [23]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Paid up Capital \$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. J. Scott Harston, Esq.
Chow Tung Shang, Esq. J. J. LAUS, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%
Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [18]

THE DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tael 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin. Calcutta. Hankow.
Tientsin. Tsingtau (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS.

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT.

DIRECTOR DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [25]

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE in FLATS.

No. 4, RIFON TERRACE.

No. 15, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing
Race Course.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing
Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CON-
NAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).

GODOWN No. 34, BLUE BUILDINGS.

GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [165]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [26]

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK

(AMERICAN BANK).
ESTABLISHED 1864.

PAID UP CAPITAL \$2,000,000
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$1,180,000

U.S. Gold.
Gold, \$7,180,000

Head Office—NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
33 and 35, Lombard Street, E.C.

F. C. Bishop, Manager, Eastern Department.

LONDON BANKERS:
PARIS BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
4, DES VŒUX ROAD.

General Banking and Exchange business
transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Accounts at 2 1/2 per annum.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months 2 1/2 per annum.

" 6 " 3 1/2 "

" 12 " 4 1/2 "

E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [20]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS,
GOLD \$7,992,173.37—about £1,640,000.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS AUTHORIZED
GOLD \$10,000,000—£2,055,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
1, WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
THREEDNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

BRANCHES AT
SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON,

MEXICO, MANILA, SHANGHAI, SINGA-
PORE, YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY,

CALCUTTA
AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

LONDON AND CONTINENTAL
BANKERS:

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF
ENGLAND, LIMITED.

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LTD.

CREDIT LYONNAIS, DRESDENER BANK,
COMPTON NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE
DE PARIS, &c.

THE Corporation transacts every Descrip-
tion of Banking and Exchange Business,
receives Money in Current Account and issues
Fixed Deposit Receipts either in Gold or
Silver at Rates which may be ascertained on
Application.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
20, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [19]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Tael.
5,000,000

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.
CANTON. PENANG.

CHEFOO. SINGAPORE.

HANKOW. TIENTSIN.

PEKING.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collec-
tion Bills of Exchange drawn on the above
places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Trans-
fers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

4 1/2 " " " 6 " " "

5 1/2 " " " 12 " " "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1903. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £725,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " " 3 1/2 "

" 3 " " 2 1/2 "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [24]

TO LET.

CHEAPEST HOUSES IN THE COLONY.

MORRISON HILL GAP ROAD. Nice
Houses, 4 Rooms, Bath Rooms, Out-
houses and Verandahs. Only \$40 inclusive
of Taxes.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147,
WANCHAI ROAD: Comfortable and Airy
Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive
of Taxes.

S. A. SETH,
Land and Estate Broker,
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [46]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS. TO SAIL ON REMARKS.

LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES. CEYLON. About 11th January. Freight and Passage.

YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOI and KUBE. PALMA. About 11th January. Freight and Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea). G. W. Cockburn, R.N.R.

SHANGHAI. MALTA. About 15th January. Freight and Passage.

LONDON, &c. COROMANDEL. Neon, 16th January. See Special Advertisement.

G. M. Montford, R.N.R.

For Further Particulars, apply to

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEY, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH-AMERICAN PORTS.

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

BAVARN WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1904.

SACHSEN WEDNESDAY, 27th February, 1904.

GERA WEDNESDAY, 17th February, 1904.

SEYDLITZ WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, 1904.

ROON WEDNESDAY, 16th March, 1904.

PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY, 30th March, 1904.

HAMBURG WEDNESDAY, 13th April, 1904.

PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1904.

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of January, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "BAVARN" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. Förmes, with

MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 18th instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 19th instant.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS. [3]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

THE FAVOURITE BRAND FOR TWENTY YEARS.

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S BOTTLE WHISKY.

AS SUPPLIED TO THE LEADING CLUBS AND HOTELS.

PRICE: Per Dozen \$17.00. Per Bottle \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [38]

THOMAS' HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, most centrally situated; Well furnished and Airy Bedrooms.

Monthly Boarders accommodated on very moderate terms.

For Particulars apply to

THE MANAGER.

NOTICE TO THE WEARIED.

There is no nicer place to spend a few days in quiet rest, than

MACAO.

And there is no more Comfortable Hotel in the Far East, than the

MACAO HOTEL.

Wm. FARMER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [28]

Intimations.

Bovril is an ideal food for the strong and the weak. Bovril imparts extra vigor to the healthy, greater strength to the ailing. Bovril is, moreover, a true friend in the kitchen. It adds nourishment, and gives a delightful "twang" to soups, sauces, gravies and entrees.



JAPAN



COALS.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE:—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.

LONDON BRANCH:—34, LIME STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG BRANCH:—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFFICES:
New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy, Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maitzuru, Kure, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kuchinotsu, Sasebo, Miike, Hakodate, Taipeh, &c.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Mito, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and SOLE AGENTS for Fujinagata, Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameda, Mannoura, Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yunokibara and other Coals.

N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

H. PRICE & CO.

WINE MERCHANTS,

12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Picnic parties furnished with wines, etc., at a moment's notice.

Contracts made on special terms with Caterers, Committees, Messes and Captains of Steamers. All Wines, Spirits and Beers supplied are guaranteed.

Price list on application. TELEPHONE No. 135.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903. [41]



AQUARIUS COMPANY.

The Aquarius Company's Table Waters are made of pure treble distilled water only.

Absolute purity can only be obtained by distillation.

AQUARIUS MINERAL WATER.

SILENT WATER.

TONG WATER.

GINGER ALE.

GINGER BEER.

LEMONADE.

LITHIA WATER.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [42]

INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that

the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH CO.,

VIENNA.

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,

The Price of which has been reduced to

FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

KRUSE & Co.,

CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Hongkong, 43rd December, 1903. [43]

Intimations.



ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.WATSON'S
SEASONABLE
SPECIALITIES.WATSON'S
BALSAM OF
ANISEEDGives immediate relief and quickly cures
all cases of Cough, both in Adults and
Children.WATSON'S
WHITE
EMBROICATIONSportsmen will find this a first-rate remedy
for Sprains and Bruises. In cases of
Rheumatism, Chest Affections, and
pains in the limbs its application has
a most soothing and comforting effect.WATSON'S
OTTO OF
ROSE COLD CREAMIs a pleasant cure for Chapped Lips, and
Rough and Chafed Skin, so often
experienced in the cold weather here.A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

SOLE PROPRIETORS.

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

TELEPHONE NO. 115.
CABLE ADDRESS: "ACHEE," HONGKONG.
A. B. C. CODE, 4TH EDITION.

ESTABLISHED 1859.

A CHEE & CO.,
祥利廣TEMPORARY STORE;
1ST FLOOR, 12, QUEEN'S ROAD,
(above Messrs. H. PRICE & Co.)FURNITURE
DEALERS.DRAWING-ROOM,
DINING-ROOM,
and BED-ROOM
FURNITURE.ELECTROPLATED,
GLASS, and
CHINA WARES.
PASTEUR'S MICROBE-PROOF
FILTERS,
ROCHESTER LAMPS,
WHITE TURKISH TOWELS,
COUNTERPANES,
COOKING RANGES,
KITCHEN UTENSILS, and
HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.PHOTOGRAPHIC
DEPARTMENT.DEVELOPING and PRINTING
UNDERTAKEN for AMATEURS.
GOOD WORK.
PROMPT RETURN.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1903.

CARMICHAEL AND
CLARKE,CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS,
SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS.

REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.

A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

A. B. C. Code.

Liber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

NOTICE

All communications intended for publication in
the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" should be
addressed to the Editor, 1, Lee Home Road, and
should be accompanied by the Writer's Name and
Address.
Ordinary business communications should be addressed
to The Manager.
The Editor will not undertake to be responsible for
any rejected MS., nor to return any Contribution.SUBSCRIPTION RATES (IN ADVANCE).
DAILY—\$30 per annum.
WEEKLY—\$18 per annum.
The rates per quarter and per annum, proportional.
The daily issue is delivered free when the address is
accessible to messenger. An extra charge is made for
the postage on the weekly issue to any part of the
world is 30 cents per quarter.
Single Copies Daily, ten cents; Weekly, twenty-
five cents.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1904.

JAPAN'S FIRST MOVE.

Notwithstanding the optimistic rumours which reach us from Russian sources, it is evident from the extensive preparations going on and Japan's last move in placing a press-censorship on telegrams, that war may break out at any moment. Though speculations are often of little value as it is always the unforeseen that happens, it is of interest to consider in what manner the first blow in the coming struggle is likely to be struck. Military experts and political students are mostly of accord in recognising that Japan has nothing to gain and all to lose in throwing any part of her forces against Port Arthur, where elaborate preparations against attack have been going on for a long time. Even supposing that the fleet and army of the Mikado could succeed in occupying this Far Eastern Kronstadt, it would mean the expedition of a formidable force, entailed by the necessary continuation of the operations in an invasion of Manchuria by an army acting at a perilous distance from its base in Japan. In all probability the military experts of the Japanese nation have already decided on opening the campaign in Korea and it is more than likely that the first move in the game will be the seizure and occupation of Fusan by the fleet and forces of the Mikado. This theory is confirmed by the frequent mention of the Seoul-Fusan railway in the recent Councils held in Tokyo. A rapid occupation of Korea is the best guarantee for the successful realisation of Japan's aspirations, and the old saw, to the effect that "Possession is nine points of the law," seems likely to find a modern application on a large scale. War correspondents would do well to furnish themselves with the necessary to withstand the rigours of a Korean winter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A NAGASAKI despatch states that a certain foreign firm there has received a London despatch asserting that several of Butterfield and Swire's vessels have been purchased in London by the Japanese Government.

We learn that Mr. Sam Newman, the local professional boxer, has started an Athletic Club at No. 1, Queen's Road Central, where local amateurs can obtain excellent instruction in physical culture and the art of self-defence.

MEMBERS of the Victoria Recreation Club are reminded that entries for the "Scratch Races," taking place at the end of this month, close on Saturday, the 9th inst. at 4 p.m. Those desirous of entering are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary on or before that date.

THE *Siberian States* states that the geological explorations carried out recently by Russia in Manchuria have resulted in the discovery of deposits of coal, mines of lead, silver, and tin, and also of iron ore in immense quantities. A company, with a capital of £660,000, is being formed for the purpose of working the deposits of iron ore.

THE *Oriental Messenger* has announced that early this year contingents of colonists for the Usuri Territory will be chosen exclusively from the troops of the Orenburg Cossacks, as experience has shown that they are the best adapted to colonise distant regions, especially in view of the fact that they are not affected by the change of climate. Each family of settlers will receive a grant of £330.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Friday, the 8th inst.

March—"The March".....Ord Home
Overture—"Tancrède".....Rossini
Selection—"Daddy Dan".....Slaughter
Song—"Beloved, It is Now".....Florence Ayldred
Selection—"Songs without Words".....Mendelssohn
Valse—"The Chatterbox".....Phelps
Intermezzo—"Pendant le Bal".....Gillet
God save the King.

SIGNOR Zanadelli whose death is reported was born in 1826, and took his degree of Doctor of Law at Pavia in 1848. Taking part in the war of independence, he became a well-known personage in Italy. In 1876 he reached Ministerial rank, accepting the portfolio of Public Works in the Depina Cabinet. After holding various offices, he became Minister of Justice and Cults in the Crispi Ministry, and the Italian Penal Code, which came into force in 1890, is chiefly the result of his labours.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

An expedition is being fitted out at Honolulu to go to French Frigate shoal, wreck the stranded French bark *Comet*, of *Richemont*. The schooner *Ada*, a small craft, formerly in the island trade, is being fitted up, and Captain Weisbach, formerly in the *Comet*, is to be in command. The expedition is being provided for by the organization of a syndicate. The plan is to take diving apparatus along and if the vessel is still intact, to thoroughly wreck her, taking out all her gear and furnishings.

WHILE the Northern Army in the Punjab manoeuvres were camped near Hazro, Lieutenant H. Warrick Illius and G. Jolly, Indian Medical Service, while walking in a village called Dariah, were attacked by a crowd of angry natives with lathis and clubs of earth. The two officers managed to escape after being severely beaten but Lieutenant Illius received a nasty cut on the head. They offered no provocation whatever and informed the villagers that they were Sahibs. There was the greatest indignation in camp when the incident was known, but the matter has been left in the civil authorities to deal with. Five men were arrested that evening by the police.

At last the Admiralty have come to a decision on the great waistcoat question. With mess dress officers at sea in the white waistcoat at present worn only with full dress and white mess dress—a garment designed for warmer climates than our own. The plain blue evening waistcoat is to be worn with a mess dress uniform of both kinds. In future both blue and white evening waistcoats are to be made with a plain roll collar. The present pattern may, however, be worn until new uniforms are purchased, but the old braid must be removed at once. What is the object of making such pettifoggish alterations as this? asks a home journal. Surely Naval uniforms could be "standardised," and then left alone.—P.M.G.

A CORRESPONDENT desires the attention of the Police to be drawn to the necessity for better regulating wheeled traffic on Queen's Road Central. A case was mentioned to us this morning when a lady had her foot run over by a ricksha (No. 177) at the crossing round the corner of the New Victoria Hotel. Although heedless of the rule of the road, the driver made no attempt at stopping when he saw the lady proceeding across the road but deliberately went along with the result that the lady had her foot run over at the tip of the boot and her dress besmeared with dust and stained with grease from the axle of the wheel. A European was driving in the ricksha at the time, and it does not speak much for his gallantry when it is mentioned that he neither stopped the vehicle nor endeavoured to ascertain if the lady had been hurt in any way.

It is stated in U.S. journals that for some time the President has been discussing informally with members of Congress the proposition to reduce the duties on Philippine products coming into this country to 50 per cent of the Dingley law rates. Considerable opposition has arisen to the suggestion, and what the result of the endeavour to secure a reduction of the duties will be cannot now be foretold. The opposition arises principally from Congressmen representing sugar and tobacco States. They maintain that if only 50 per cent of the Dingley rates are levied on tobacco and sugar the industries represented by those products in this country will be impaired seriously. They have indicated to the President that they will make a hard fight against the proposed reduction. It is understood that the President may discuss the subject in his annual message to Congress, but his position regarding it has not been disclosed.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow (Friday) afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Ocean*, under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The Club will play in stripes.

The following will play for the Club:—Lieut. G. B. MacDonald, full back; Lieut. P. H. Campbell, T. E. Pearce, O. J. Barnes and W. R. Robertson, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and A. B. de Veuille, halves; H. G. Sandford (Capt.), A. Boyd, E. R. Halifax, Lieut. R. Crover, H. E. Rowley, Lieut. E. Rogers, H. F. Chard and S. O. Else, forward.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD.—The first match in this season's competition will be played on Saturday next, 9th inst., when H.M.S. *Glory*, meet H.M.S. *Leviathan* on the Club ground at 2.15 p.m. This game will be followed by a friendly match between the Club and H.M.S. *Albatross*. Kick-off 4 p.m.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

CANTON, 6th January.

ROBBER CHIEF CAPTURED.

Another robber chief has been captured. Au San was brought into the City yesterday in a dying condition. The soldiers captured him at Sai Chiu in the Nam Ho district, in the village of Au. The chief resined and was almost killed before taken. He died last night. More than 1,000 soldiers were sent to capture him. Seven other noted thieves were captured. The reward for the capture of Au San is \$50,000. Last night it was said that the authorities would not acknowledge that the man captured was the noted Au San. Some time ago Au San, or his followers, killed a fellow villager and when compensation was demanded Au San refused. A few days ago Au San returned to his village and one of the villagers sent word to the Canton officials and a raid was made upon the village with the result above mentioned. The Viceroy is certainly making an effort to capture the robbers. With the capture of Au San two of the worst characters in the province have been disposed of. Mr. Wong Hoi who was captured in the Tung Shan district was the cause of most of the trouble along the River. It is to be hoped that quieter times may follow the capture of these chiefs.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

THE CANTON-HONGKONG ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

STATUTORY MEETING.

The statutory meeting of the Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., was held at the registered office of the company at noon to-day, when there were present: the Hon. Russell Colegrove, President, (U.S. Vice-Consul General, Canton), Messrs. Chan A Fook (Vice-President), Geo. A. Watkins, Tseng Yut Koi, Lai Tai Yu (directors), H. G. McKilligan, Colin McCreary, C. Moorey, F. X. d'Almada, Castro (Solicitor), and Chan A Tak (Secretary).

The notice convening the meeting having been read.

The President said:—Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in stating to you that after four months' existence the Company is in a most satisfactory condition. As is usual with all new enterprises we have encountered many obstacles that were unexpected; yet most of the difficulties have been overcome, and notwithstanding the depression in financial circles, and the scarcity of money in South China, the majority of our shares have already been subscribed. Payments, while slow, have come in as required, and no subscriber has failed to respond when called upon. Ten thousand shares (\$50,000) were sent to Shanghai, the purchaser asking for sixty days' time which was granted. Later, the same party asked for an option on ten thousand additional shares at par, which was refused as it was not considered wise to dispose of so large an amount at par. For the land purchased in Hongkong (Quarry Bay) \$10,000 was paid, and the deeds are before you. I might add in connection with this property, that the Company have an offer of \$45,000 for the land, which, of course, has been declined. At Canton, we have secured one of the most valuable pieces of property on the water front. The sum of \$12,000 was the agreed price to be paid for this site, on which are located three shops of three stories each. The rent of these shops will bring an income of some \$15,000 per annum, and by reclaiming about 150 feet (which I have obtained permission to do) we not only have sufficient space for our factory, but will have doubled the value of our property. We have also obtained permits to construct a necessary wharf, along the front of our land, which is a most important feature, and will be an immediate source of revenue. On this Canton property, a part of the purchase money was paid at the time of the transaction, and the balance is in hand, and will be paid over as quickly as the former owner, who has been ill for some time, is able to transact business. I was informed last night that this man would be able to appear to-morrow in Canton. We are now in possession of the property. One half of the purchase price of the machinery for both plants has been paid in New York. The balance is due when the machines arrive in Hongkong. The machinery has been built, and will be shipped upon the arrival of the contractors from New York City, who are expected here February 1st. As this machinery is already to be set up, it will require but little time to be put into operation after arrival. The general outlook is most encouraging, and we have every reason to expect the Company to be the success claimed. (Applause.)

The President having invited questions, Mr. Lai Tai Yu asked whether the Viceroy's franchise had been obtained.

The President replied that it was granted to Mr. McWade yesterday, but the Viceroy had requested that the matter should be kept quiet for the moment. Of course, their franchise from him covered the franchise so far as the Chinese people were concerned. In view of the fact that the Viceroy had been sick and had refused himself to everyone, his secretary had requested them to leave the matter silent for the moment. The proposition, however, was that in case of plague or sickness in Canton and the Province of Kwangtung, the total output of the Company's fresh water would be given free to the Chinese people. All the officials in Canton had been extremely kind so far, and the concern was now recognised as a public necessity. With reference to some matters discussed that morning by the Executive Committee, he explained there would probably be a special meeting in a very few days.

Mr. Watkins said he would like to have it made quite clear that, according to the Articles of Association, the subsequent general meetings should be held twelve months from to-day. The financial year commenced from to-day, so that shares were now running on interest from to-day.

Mr. Moorey thought the financial year commenced from the inception of the Company. Mr. d'Almada was consulted, and said that once a year after the formation of the Company the statutory meeting would be held; so that the next meeting would be on the 9th September.

Mr. McCreary proposed a vote of thanks to the President for the very able manner in which he had carried out his arduous duties.

The President said he had very great pleasure in carrying out the duties that had fallen upon him. So far it had been a very great pleasure. They entered into the business for the purpose of making it a success, and he was not only encouraged, but he was confident that it would be the success that they prophesied at the beginning. He might add, they had had more applications for ice and cold storage and so on in Canton than they could possibly supply. Their arrangements with the Viceroy and the authorities in Kwangtung were most agreeable, and he did not think that, so far, any of the shareholders had had any occasion to regret their purchases. If there were he would be very pleased to take their shares personally. He then declared the meeting closed, remarking that they hoped that at the next meeting they would be able to declare a substantial dividend, and a substantial dividend.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

A SHIPOWNER'S LIABILITY.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

A point of interest to the public was recently raised in a case decided by the Second Judge at Calcutta, in which Messrs. F. D. Sassoon and Company were plaintiffs, and Messrs. Apar and Company, defendants. The former was represented by Mr. Shirin, and the latter by Mr. Cowie, Attorney.

The plaintiffs made over to the defendants for conveyance to Hongkong 350 chests of opium by the *Arabian* *Apar*, but only 349 were delivered although a Bill of Lading for the full consignment had been given. The missing chest was valued at Rs. 1,145 14-6, and interest on that amount brought up the claim to Rs. 1,192, for which the suit was instituted. The point to be decided was whether the shipowners were responsible for the case said to be short delivered.

The defence was that the chest was never put on board, and that the Bill of Lading was given in full by a mistake. There were 380 chests of opium shipped, a part of which belonged to Messrs. D. Sassoon and Co. Two separate Bills of Lading were given. By a mistake, it was alleged, one of D. Sassoon's cases got mixed up with E. D. Sassoon's, and thus a receipt in full came to be given to the latter. When this was discovered, and it was found that D. Sassoon's consignment had been correctly received, a receipt was given to them also in full, and the other shippers were informed that they had shipped one case short.

In the book of the Chinese tallyman, who took tally of the opium cases, chest No. 474 was entered last, and the mark "E. D. S." was altered to "D. S." by the first letter being struck out with a pen. The tallyman stated that having found one chest short in D. Sassoon's consignment he compared the numbers on the chest with his tallybook and found that chest No. 474 was marked D. S. and not E. D. S., and he altered his book accordingly. The Preventive Officer who kept an independent tally simultaneously with the Chinaman appears to have made the same mistake in regard to the same chest, and he also altered his book.

Some other Chinese tallymen, a number of Preventive Officers, and the Pursers of the vessel were examined and cross-examined at some length in regard to the mode of tallying, the position of the hatches, and some other matters.

Mr. Maffin, the Senior Inspector of the Customs Preventive Service, said that one of the Preventive Officers informed him that chest No. 5187 of E. D. Sassoon was short, and he at once reported this to the shippers, to Apar and Co., the Police, and the Excise Department. In answer to a question he said that it was not possible to remove a chest from the vessel surreptitiously. He also stated that the Excise Department had found five balls of opium similar to what was shipped three days after the shipment. There were no chests lying in the Excise godown.

This closed the evidence, after which Mr. Cowie addressed the Court. He repudiated the idea that there was a conspiracy between the Chinese tallymen and the Preventive Officers. It was more probable that there was collusion among the shippers' people, or that the chest might have been stolen by the man in the ghut. It had been proved in evidence that it was impossible to remove a chest after it was put on board. He then argued on points of law. By the Sea Customs Act shippers were required to send a boat note with their goods, specifying the numbers and marks on the packages. Plaintiffs had not done so, and were, therefore, guilty of contributory negligence.

The learned Judge held that the onus of showing that the missing chest was not put on board, was on the defendants; and they had not discharged this onus. He then commented on the evidence. Bills of lading were given in full to both shippers; it was strange that both the Chinese tallyman and the Preventive Officer who kept independent tallies, made the same mistake in respect to the same chest. The fact of the chest having been put into one batch when loaded, and taken out from another when discharged was suspicious. His Honour expressed no opinion as to whether the missing chest was or was not put on board; but defendants, having failed to prove that they had not received the chest, plaintiffs would have a decree for the amount claimed, with costs, and pleader's certificate.

BIG FIRE AT MACAO.

FORTY HOUSES DESTROYED.

At about half-past six o'clock last evening a fire broke out in the district of Tarsairo at Macao. It began in a native chemist's shop and, fanned by the breeze, then blowing over the city, it quickly spread to the adjoining premises. The Chinese manual engines turned out in full force and water was also played on the burning buildings by the small fire engine. The supply was, however, wholly inadequate to cope with the conflagration which, by this time, had spread to quite a number of Chinese shops in the locality. By half-past eight some forty houses were completely gutted. A large pawnshop, the principal one in the city, narrowly escaped destruction. The wood work within, exterior of the building became ignited, but before any further damage was done the fire was fortunately put out. Property to the value of some \$50,000 is known to be stored in the pawnshop.

It is believed that none of the houses destroyed by fire last night are insured. The principal sufferers are said to be two prominent Chinese gentlemen who own most of the property in that locality. Mr. Chan Kang Yee, a brother of Mr. Chan Tong (comptroller with Messrs. Douglas, Sprack & Co.) is reported to be a partner owner in the drugstore where the fire originated.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

BANKRUPTCY.

AN UNSATISFACTORY FORM.

Sitting in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction at the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice, Sir W. M. Goodman, heard an application by Mr. E. J. Grist, on behalf of Ma Chuk-Ting, for a receiving order in the estate of Ma Ying Wa, deceased. The assets, he said, were insufficient to pay the debts of the deceased, and there were several actions commencing against the executor, as executor of the estate. It seemed to him that the only way of dealing with the case was to administer it in Bankruptcy. The assets were \$21,000, of which \$12,000 was actual cash.

The Chief Justice—How am I to know the estate is bankrupt? The application is wrongly drawn out. I seldom get them in proper form. There must be proper proof.

Mr. Grist.—The form is strictly in accordance with Section 4 of the Ordinance. It is the only form under Bankruptcy law.

The Chief Justice.—It is a very unsatisfactory form.

A receiving order was made, and Mr. Bruce Shepherd, Official Receiver, was appointed trustee.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Mr. J. Hastings appeared in the case of Chan Tai, Chan Sze, alias Chan Cheuk Hing, Chan Lok, alias Chan Han, Chan Chai, alias Chan In Shan and Chan Shap Sam alias Chan Chu, trading under the name of Him Yuen at 104 Bonham Street, and asked for an adjournment of the public examination to allow the debtors to appear.

The Chief Justice said that on December 22 the day for the public examination was fixed for Jan. 7, and the debtors should have attended. It was contempt of Court, and he would order warrants to be issued for their arrest.

Mr. d'Almada, who appeared on behalf of the petitioning creditors, said that he had no objection to an adjournment.

Mr. Hastings said that the debtors were in China, and were willing to come down for examination, but the Chinese officials, owing to some proceedings in Canton, would not allow them to leave.

The Chief Justice—I have no affidavits to that effect.

Mr. Hastings.—It would be to the interests of all to have the debtors present, and they are willing to attend if Your Lordship will give them time.

The Chief Justice.—The interest of the Court is that its orders are implicitly obeyed.

Mr. Bruce Shepherd—I am informed that the debtors escaped the runners at Canton, and suggested that they should be communicated with and told to come direct to Hongkong.

The Chief Justice.—What are the assets?

Mr. Bruce Shepherd.—No statement has been filed.

Mr. d'Almada.—The creditors think there is enough to pay in full, but the debtors only want to give 30%.

Mr. Hastings.—The Official Receiver is willing to agree to an adjournment. It is the only way to get the property. I submit that it would be to the benefit of all parties to allow the debtors to come down to assist the Court. They have been stopped by proceeding in their own country.

The Chief Justice.—I think it is great contempt of Court for them to send a representative to apply for an adjournment. I have no evidence that they are being proceeded against. If I do not get anything we shall have the satisfaction of keeping some scoundrels out of the Colony. The order made for the public examination of the debtors was fixed for to-day for them to be here to be examined. Instead of appearing they send a solicitor to negotiate with the Court and state that they would condescend to come down and obey the orders of the Court if they were not arrested. I refuse to entertain any negotiations and as provided by Section 24 of the Bankruptcy Act, sub-section 1 (d) "if a debtor fails to attend any examination order of this Court he may be arrested by warrant, his books and papers seized." This is exactly what they have done, therefore I order a warrant to be issued.

SHIPPING AND MAELS.

MAILS DUE.

American (China) 9th inst.
Canadian (Atlantic) 10th inst.
Indian (Lansing) 11th inst.
French (Ernest Simons) 11th inst.
Canadian (Empress of India) 18th inst.
American (Doric) 19th inst.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver on 6th inst., at 3 a.m.

The Shire Line's *Dendighshire* left Shanghai this morning, and is due here on 10th inst.

The C. & M. Co's s.s. *Perla* left Manila on 6th inst., p.m., and is due here on 9th inst., at daylight.

The C. N. Co's s.s. *Kuanyan* left Hlolo for this port on 5th inst., and is expected to arrive here on 9th inst.

The C. N. Co's s.s. *Kalping* left Manila for this port on 6th inst., and is expected to arrive here on 9th inst.

The M. M. Co's s.s. *Ernest Simons* will leave next French Mail, will leave Saigon on 9th inst., at 5 a.m., for this port.

The P. M. S. Co's s.s. *China* with mails, left Shanghai for this port on Thursday, at 10 a.m., and is due here on 9th inst., at daylight.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Atkentan* arrived at Kobe at 8.30 a.m. on 5th inst., and left again at 8 a.m. Wednesday, and is expected to arrive at 5 a.m. on 9th inst.

The Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The New Japanese Cruisers.

LONDON, 5th January.

The legal formalities connected with the transfer of the Argentine cruisers are completed. The Japanese Legation said yesterday that the work on them continues day and night and when they sail, they will be ready for action. As it is impossible on account of time, to get crews from Japan, the cruisers will probably sail under the command of several Japanese naval officers, now in Europe, with European crews. The Japanese Naval Attaché, who is arranging the matter, suggests preference being given to men volunteering from Great Britain.

LATER.

Russia and Japan.

According to information from official sources in St. Petersburg, the Russian reply is most conciliatory; some of the Japanese proposals are accepted and others are made the subject of extended observations (sic) and met by counter proposals. It is hoped in official circles that the considerable concessions made to Japan will prove acceptable and that the Emperor will be able to announce that peace is assured on Thursday, which is the Russian Christmas.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg mention the holding of a Grand Council, presided over by the Tsar, at which several Grand Dukes, M. de Witte and the leading Ministers were present. It is supposed that the reply to Japan was drafted at this Council.

One hundred and fifty Japanese officers and sailors leave London to-day for Genoa.

The United States and China.

Mr. Shaw has recommended the House of Representatives at Washington to establish a Consul-General at Mukden and a Consul at Antung.

(Deutsche Japan-Post.)

Russia and Japan.

Berlin, 25th December.

According to a telegram from the Russian Commercial Telegraph Bureau, Japan's reply to the Russian Note has arrived in St. Petersburg. It is generally believed that the pending negotiations will not be interrupted, both sides observing a peaceful attitude. The *Cologne Gazette* reports that the Grand Duke Alexander Michailowitch, together with other distinguished persons, are exercising their influence to prevent any outbreak of war, or at least to postpone the conflict by transferring the negotiations from Tokyo to St. Petersburg. From London the *Frankfurt Gazette* learns that Russia is meeting Japan in regard to Korea, only to gain time to properly prepare for war. Japan demands territorial concessions in Korea as safeguards against any seizure by Russia in the future. The Government in Berlin does not share the pessimistic views of the Anglo-French press.

THE ARREST OF A CAPTAIN AT MOJI.

FURTHER REMARKABLE ALLEGATIONS.

With regard to the arrest of Captain Warneke of the *Hilse Rickmers*, at Moji, we (*Kobe Chronicle*) have received a statement from a reliable source that adds some further particulars to a remarkable case.

According to the information reaching us, while the German steamer *Hilse Rickmers* was at Moji at the beginning of this month, a dispute arose between the captain and his Chinese crew about their wages. The Chinese attempted to desert, and assaulted two German sailors on watch who were ordered to prevent their escape. They attacked the sailors with buckets and pinnings, but were overpowered and locked up in the fore-castle by order of the captain, who, it is claimed, was fully entitled to take this measure according to German and Japanese law. The following morning the Chinese crew quietly resumed their work, with the exception of the ringleaders, who had received trifling wounds during the assault on the previous day.

The wounded Chinese went on shore and made a complaint, and the Japanese police, whose assistance the captain had called a few days before, came again on board on the 10th ult. and arrested the captain and the first and second officers. The officers were allowed to return on board the same evening, but the captain was kept in custody in the prison of the police station for about thirty-six hours. During the first twenty-seven hours it is alleged that he was left without food or drink, and the meals forwarded to him from this steamer did not reach him. He was kept alone in a small room not remarkable for cleanliness, with only a few dirty blankets for the night. As it was bitterly cold at night the captain was obliged to walk up and down during the whole night to keep himself warm.

Perhaps the most serious allegation against the police is that when he was conducted to the police office next morning in order to be again examined, a policeman kicked him in such a way that he was thrown against the wall, whereupon the Japanese present laughed and made remarks.

Eventually Captain Warneke was released during the evening of the 11th on bail of 200 yen, whilst the Chinese crew, who had also been kept in custody by the police, were sent on board on the 12th after repeated requests from the Consulate at Nagasaki. In sending these men back the police acknowledged that the Chinese on shore were desperate. This interference of the Japanese police delayed the departure of the German steamer for three days, thus causing great loss.

We insert this statement as it reaches us, but we can hardly credit the allegation that Captain Warneke was allowed to remain in a cell for thirty-six hours without food or that he was kicked by a policeman when brought up for examination. "Without food" may mean without food suitable for a European. However, the facts stated apart from this would seem to indicate the necessity of a full inquiry being made into the whole of the circumstances.

THE BOXING CONTEST.

AT THE CITY HALL.

There was an enthusiastic audience at the Theatre Royal last evening, though, owing to the short notice given, the house was not as crowded as it has been on some of the previous occasions. An excellent entertainment was provided and local sportsmen were largely in attendance.

NICHOLS V. BERGEN.

The first competition consisted in a ten round bout between Nichols of the *Glory* and Bergen of the *Tamar*, their respective weights being 10 st. 10, and 11 st. 8. Both men went to work with a will and did some pretty sparring, though Bergen seemed off-colour and did not do such good work as on previous occasions. Indeed his performance was a disappointment to those who had witnessed his skillful and powerful display in a contest with Blanford of the *Leviathan* on the 17th ultimo. Nichols was in fine condition, and made the most of it. He opened in all the rounds and, though not so quick on his feet as his opponent, followed up his advantages with praiseworthy alacrity. Both men went down in the first round and spectators looked forward to a tough struggle; but Bergen began to fall away rapidly and was eventually knocked-out in the fifth round with a right on the point of the jaw. He was counted out, and was rising when Nichols, probably under the impression that he was up to time, advanced and struck him again. A foul was given and Bergen was announced as the winner by the Referee, Mr. Sam Newman.

TURNER V. SMITH.

This was an eight-round bout between Turner of the *Albion* (8 st. 3) and Smith of the *Eclipse* (8 st. 2). In the first round it was evident that Turner was considerably over-matched, both in skill and weight, by his opponent, and he had not been in the ring a minute before he was downed by a neat uppercut from his opponent. He hunched-up, however, in the second and did his best to hold his own. Honours were about equal, but Turner was declining visibly. During the remainder of the contest Smith merely played with his opponent, who could not get in a blow. He was knocked out in the third round and the fight was decided in favour of Smith. Turner displayed admirable pluck in holding on so well to an antagonist who was much his superior in weight and science.

LAYTON V. BUTLER.

The next contest was a fifteen-round bout between Layton of the *Albion* (bantam-weight) and Butler of the *Forsters* (light-weight champion of North China). Both men went at it hammer-and-tongs from the outset and a good deal of hard slugging was indulged in on both sides. Butler, who made small use of his right and kept on plugging away at his opponent's heart with his left, received a lot of punishment. However, he seemed to like it and came up smiling each time, which somewhat disconcerted Layton, who, though undoubtedly the better man, began to show evident signs of fatigue towards the end. Both men were on their legs at the end of the fifteenth round, though Butler was visibly groggy, but still full of pluck. The contest was awarded to Layton on points. The winner is to come in the ring again on the 9th inst., and judging from his conduct yesterday he is likely to provide an excellent exhibition.

CHRISTIE V. ST. CLAIR.

The main event of the evening was a contest between Charles St. Clair, Champion of Brooklyn, and J. Christie, a local amateur, whom the professional undertook to stop in eight rounds. Both men looked very fit when they came into the ring. Christie's weight being 11 st. 4 and St. Clair's 13 stone. Mr. Sam Newman acted as Referee, and Mr. W. Waters, as M.C. Both men were cheered as they came into the ring, though the enthusiastic reception given to the local man showed that the majority of sympathy was with him.

First Round: St. Clair feinted and led getting in a heavy right on the head. Christie rushed in and landed a left on the jaw and a right on the body. The men closed, St. Clair being on the ropes in the clinch. On breaking away the American attacked swiftly and Christie was driven to the ropes in his turn, but got out by dodging cleverly under his opponent's arm. Some sparring now took place and St. Clair rushed in and landed his left on the amateur's kidneys, and his right on the chest. Christie returned the compliment, and for a few seconds it was a ding-dong give and take. The local man was driven to the ropes, but ducked cleverly and got back to the middle. Some quick sparring was going on when the gong went.

Second Round: St. Clair opened vigorously and drove Christie to the ropes. He took some punishment, the Yankee fetching his jaw with a vicious left. The local man dodged cleverly away again, rushed in and landed a left and right which sent St. Clair down, though he swiftly recovered and went for Christie hammer-and-tongs. The Yankee got in some heavy body blows, but the amateur dodged splendidly and avoided hard punishment. There were several clinches in this round. The men were sparring as the gong sounded.

In the third and fourth rounds, St. Clair did all the work, Christie playing for time, though he was quick at the *riposte*, on an opening, and several times landed a heavy left on the American's jaw. The local man got most of the punishment and would have got more had he not been wonderfully quick on his legs and extremely smart at dodging the rushes of his powerful opponent.

Fifth Round: This was a fast encounter. St. Clair, trying to force the fighting, succeeded in getting in some telling body blows, which got him on Christie notwithstanding his clever tactics. Towards the end of the round he showed signs of being lagged. He, however, got up left on the ear and another on the nose of the professional.

Sixth Round: Christie had evidently recovered and came up fresh and smiling. St.

Clair led off with a hard left and Christie rushed in and clinched. On the break, the Yankee got in his right on the face and the local man had to dodge to avoid going to the ropes. St. Clair rushed again, Christie ducked and got in a kidney blow with the right. The amateur then attacked, driving the professional to the ropes. There was a clinch and, on breaking away, St. Clair landed a heavy right on Christie's jaw bringing him to his knees as the gong went.

Seventh Round: St. Clair meant business, rushed his man and lead off with his left. Christie dodged and closed in to a clinch. St. Clair rushed again and again, the amateur dodging or closing in. There were several clinches. Christie stopped one of the rushes with a heavy left on the eye. Both men received a good deal of punishment, but St. Clair was the fresher of the two at the end of the round.

Eighth Round: St. Clair again adopted his rushing tactics and Christie did some clever dodging. He was however forced to the ropes, got some punishment and nearly fell. He ducked cleverly, however, and got back to the middle of the ring. St. Clair got in his left on the kidneys. The amateur opened with his left, but St. Clair dodged cleverly. Christie got in his left on the face, the Yankee rushed in and there was a clinch. St. Clair then tried a rushing attack which Christie dodged, after receiving a right on the face and heavy left on the body. The amateur, as throughout, fought for time and evaded his opponent's attacks skilfully, but without receiving some punishment. Time was called as both men were sparring. St. Clair having failed to knock his opponent out in the stipulated number of rounds, Christie was declared the winner.

The match was an interesting one and, from all appearances, St. Clair seemed to be the better man; though it was impossible to judge what Christie might be capable of in a regular mill, for it was his game to lay low and fight for time, which he did very cleverly. Both men proved themselves to be fast and expert boxers with plenty of grit and staying power.

At the close, J. Ryan challenged St. Clair to a contest for \$1,000 a side. It was rumoured that this is to come off on the first Saturday in February, though the conditions were not mentioned.

REAR-ADMIRAL YATES STIRLING.

The Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. China Squadron, Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling, who arrived on the 5th inst. in the cruiser *Rainbow* from Cavite, came on shore this morning to pay the customary official visits. At 10.45 a.m. the Admiral's gig, towed by a steam-pinnace from the *Rainbow*, came alongside Blake Pier. A guard of honour, consisting of a company of the Sherwood Foresters, with the Band and colours, carried by Second-Lieut. Milward, under command of Lieut. Hodgson was in attendance, and Mr. R. M. Hobbs, the U.S. Deputy Consul, met the Admiral at the landing-stage. The following officers accompanied the Commander-in-Chief, Lieut. Yates-Stirling, son of the Admiral, and Lieut. L. C. Palmer. As the distinguished visitor passed before the guard of honour, he was saluted by the troops and colours and the Band played a few bars of a royal march. The Admiral and his suite proceeded to Government house to visit H. E. the Officer Administering the Government.

NORTHERN NOTES.

MEETINGS OF THE CABINET AND PRIVY COUNCIL.

CONFERENCE WITH MILITARY OFFICIALS.

We take the following from the *Kobe Chronicle* of the 20th ult.—

An impression is beginning to gain ground that Japan is not pressing the demands originally made regarding Manchuria, but is concentrating her whole attention on protecting her interests in Korea. If this be the case, it is by no means unlikely that at the last moment Russia may be inclined to make concessions. The Russian Government still delays making the final reply which Japan has demanded. Meanwhile, there is no cessation in Japan's preparations for emergencies. Another Cabinet Council was held yesterday which was attended by all the Ministers with the exception of the Ministers for Education and Justice. A special meeting of the Privy Council was also held, which is reported to have considered the special subsidy to the Seoul-Fusan Railway and the war preparations. Most of the Ministers attended the meeting of the Council, and Colonel Utagawa, Director of the Military Affairs Bureau in the War Department, was called in and questioned. Mr. Yamaga, Director of the Political Affairs Bureau in the Foreign Office, followed, and gave certain explanations. The proposals laid before the Privy Council by the Government were adopted, and the result immediately reported to the Emperor. It is reported from Tokyo that the Military Arsenal there is very busy making commissary trucks of a new style. A number of naval officers have been appointed to superintend the transports, but the names are kept secret. Until the Russian reply is received, the position must be regarded as unchanged.

STEAMERS CHARTERED.

Further particulars regarding the Government's arrangements for the charter of steamers are now to hand. It appears that all the companies, with the exception of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, have accepted the Government's proposal as to rate. The latter company, having refused to accept that originally fixed by the Government, 3 to yen, on Friday last notified the Department of Communications that the company would accept 5 yen per ton for first-class boats, 4.50 yen for second, and 3.50 yen for third-class, stating that the company was prepared to place the whole of its fleet at the service of the Government at those rates. The original rate proposed by the Government, 3 to

yen per ton, was computed to include the subsidies granted to the European, American, and Australian lines if they were suspended, but the N.Y.K. thought it impossible to accept such a rate exclusive of the subsidies, and finally submitted their terms as mentioned above. A conference of the Army and Navy authorities and Communication Department will consider the N.Y.K. proposals.

FINANCIAL.

As might be expected in view of the political situation, no improvement is to be reported in the general condition of business, excepting that with the arrival of the New Year the usual year-end settlements and requirements have sensibly increased the demand for money. This is especially so with regard to funds required for the settlement of time bargains in raw cotton, cotton yarn, &c. Consequently the banks are busy. The rate of interest on advances, which has risen higher than was expected, stands at present 1.75 and 1.8 per cent per day, equal to 6.38 and 6.57 per cent per annum. The advances of the Bank of Japan in Osaka stood at ¥3,023,000 on Saturday last, against ¥561,000 at the end of the previous week, but even this amount shows a decrease of some ¥1,500,000 compared with the corresponding date of last year.

In Kobe also the circulation of money has become very brisk, the rate on advances rising on Saturday to about 6.57 per cent per annum, an advance of about 2 rin per Yoo per day compared with the rate at the beginning of the month. Money is required locally in connection with the import of raw cotton and the export of rice. It is reported that the Mitsu and Mitsu Bishi Banks, having received instructions to proceed cautiously, show hesitation in making advances, which is said to be causing merchants considerable inconvenience.

NONE.

As already reported, in London Japanese bonds have fallen heavily. It is believed that the Specie Bank holds these bonds to the amount of about ¥15,000,000, profits for the present half-year may be seriously affected.

The *Herald* of the 29th ult. says that Mr. Yoshi, Manager of the Osaka Bank of Japan, sent for the leading bankers of the city yesterday and advised them to adopt a calm and deliberate attitude at the present moment and do their best to prevent any financial crisis. The contribution or subscription of War funds for the Government was probably discussed at the meeting; but no particulars are definitely known.

Baron Sone, Minister of Finance, sent for representatives of the Mitsu, Mitsu Bishi, Daiichi, Dai Igo, Daihikyaku, Shogyo, Yasuda and some other leading Tokyo bankers to his official residence on Sunday and had some important conversation with them on financial matters.

THE FILIPINOS AND THE TARIFF.

The country is now at the point where it will be necessary to decide whether the inhabitants of the Philippine islands are to be treated as commercially a part of the American people, their fiscal system assimilated to our own as rapidly as circumstances permit, their products to be regarded as American products, and the people themselves to be gradually imbued with that pride in American citizenship and that loyalty to the American flag which invariably follows commercial identity but which will never exist without it. The alternative of that in the case of the Philippines is that the Filipinos shall be alien dependents, open to our exploitation whenever we determine to exploit them, and certain to be exploited whenever the American people cease to be watchful and determined protectors of their wards. The people of Porto Rico are commercially one with us and we no more have a Porto Rico question than a Dakota question. The people of Hawaii are commercially one with us, and no United States troops are required to maintain order. The Filipinos, on the contrary, are commercial aliens, held by us in subjection but having no privileges in our markets; and we maintain there an army at the cost of perhaps \$600,000,000 or \$700,000,000 a year. The admission of their products to our markets would assure content by assuring prosperity, and we could keep our soldiers at home.

The American people will not long endure this enormous expense without some compensation. It is possible for the conscience even of a nation to be seared with a hot iron and to calmly acquiesce in proceedings which in more innocent days it would regard with horror. We shall exploit the people in the end if we are forced to keep them in subjection with an army. The alternative of maintaining an army in the Philippines is the free admission of their products to our markets. It will not seriously affect our sugar and tobacco industries, but even if it does we have no right to shrink from the penalty. When we elected to take over and conquer the Philippines we assumed certain obligations, unless we proceeded upon the theory that whatever we wanted was ours if we were strong enough to take it.

This measure of decency to the Filipinos and economy for ourselves is vigorously opposed by those Eastern interests which are about to profit by the sacrifice of the West through the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The subject is doubtless under consideration by the President, and will be discussed in his message. It is fair to assume that in response to the earnest demands which come from the Philippines, and in view of the repeated appeals for justice from the trusted Commissioners whom we have sent to govern the islands, the President will advise and Congress enact whatever fiscal regulations are required to make the Filipinos as certain of holding our markets for their products as we expect the Cubans to be. It is claimed that our "peculiar relations" with Cuba make it imperative that we admit Cubans to our markets, are not our "relations" with the Filipinos even more "peculiar."

and their claims for justice correspondingly stronger? Or does "peculiarity of relation" become a "claim" only when certain powerful Eastern interests are to be benefited?—S. F. Chronicle.

COMMERCIAL.

TODAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	91
Bank Bills, on demand	109 13/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	110 3/16
Imports 4 months' sight	110 5/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.85 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.28 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2.23
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	44 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	44 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	134 1/2
On demand	134 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/2
Private to days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	89 1/2
overseas, Bank's buying Rate	51.00
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	57.70
Silver	26 13/16

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To have quotations are as follows:—	Per chest
SWATOW NEW	@ 950/970
LAST YEAR	@ 980/1,050
OLDEST	@ 1,080/1,100
PATNA NEW	@ 1,262 1/2
BENARES NEW	@ 1,265
BERIAN (PAPE)	@ 850/950

Today's Advertisements.

OWNERS OF HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any Domestic Building or part of such Building which is occupied by members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be LIMED, WASHED and CLEANSED throughout to the satisfaction of the Board during the months of JANUARY and FEBRUARY. The Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 29th FEBRUARY.

NOTE: The boundaries of the above Districts have been ALTERED and are now as follows:—
THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the West by Robinson Road and a Straight Line drawn from the North end thereof through the Yau-mai reservoir to the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, 4th January, 1904. [91]

ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"

Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 8th inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAFLAKE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [86]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 9th inst., at 10 A.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAFLAKE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [85]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies).

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

ALSO VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through Rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA,"

Captain Magagnoli, will be despatched at above on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., at Noon.

At BOMBAY, the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [93]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1904.

About 19th Jan.

"SAGAMI" 20th Jan.

"AFRIDI" 9th Feb.

For further Particulars and Information, apply to DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [339d]

Today's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG FROZEN FOOD SUPPLY.

DEPOT No. 3, ICE HOUSE STREET.

FRESH SUPPLY OF FROZEN AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE just received by the China Navigation Co. s.s. "TAIWAN," including Mutton, Lamb, Pork, Sucking Pigs, SPICED BEEF, Rabbits, FRITZ SAUSAGES, Pork Sausages, Milk (concentrated), Fresh Butter, Cheese, BACON (PRIME, SMOKED), HAM (PRIME, SMOKED).

Pass Books will be supplied to, and Credit Accounts kept with well known residents.

Price Lists on application.

LAU KUE TONG, Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [92]

THEATRE ROYAL.

BOXING! BOXING! BOXING!

at CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1904.

THE BANTAM CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHINA STATION.

LARRY LAYTON of "ALBION," (Champion of China Station),

versus

MICKEY LACEY of "VENGEANCE," (Champion of Mediterranean Station), who have already won and drawn, will go 20 Rounds for Championship and a £1,000.

(HEAVY WEIGHTS)

JONES, R. M. A., of "ALBION,"

versus

MORGAN, A. B., of "VENGEANCE," will contest 10 Rounds.

(MIDDLE WEIGHTS)

BERGIN, of "TAMAR,"

versus

STO. BYNG, of "VENGEANCE," 6-Round Contest for Purse.

(WELTER WEIGHTS)

STO. THOMPSON, of "VENGEANCE," (Champion of China Station),

versus

TED SMITH, of "ECLIPSE," 6-Round Contest for Purse.

(FEATHER WEIGHTS)

COOKE, of "OCEAN,"

versus

DICK CRANE, of "VENGEANCE," will contest the Best of 10 Rounds for a Purse.

(MIDDLE WEIGHT CHINA STATION CHAMPIONSHIP)

R. NICHOLLS, of "GLORY,"

versus

TIM HALLIGAN, of "VENGEANCE," (Middleweight Champion of Mediterranean), 10-Round Contest for Purse.

* The BAND of H.M.S. "VENGEANCE" under the Direction of Signor CARLO GUIDOTTI will play suitable Selections during the Evening.

Mr. J. ST. CLAIR, the well known Professional, has consented to act as Referee during the Evening.

If time and opportunity permit a Match will be put on between PARKER, of "OCEAN," and TURNER, of "ALBION." TERRY ARMSTRONG, of "VENGEANCE," will also put on if suitable opponent can be found.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904. [69]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A CONCERT followed by a Laughable Farce

"TICKLISH TIMES" will be given at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1904, commencing at 9 P.M.

PRICES:—

Dress Circle \$1

Stalls \$2

Pit \$1

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 9th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

S.S. "KEEMUN" left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 9th inst.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP	"DARDANUS"	On 9th January.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
(With Transshipment at Singapore)	"NESTOR"	On 22nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KEEMUN"	On 15th February.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"KINTUCK"	On 16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.

S.S. "DARDANUS" left Shanghai on the morning of the 5th inst., and is due here on the 8th inst.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"PINGSUEY"	On 14th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	9th January, at 4 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"SHAOSING"	9th " " at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"PAOTING"	11th " " at 4 P.M.
MANILA	"ANHUI"	13th " " at 4 P.M.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	23rd " "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly
qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian
Ports.N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS. (SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT).

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon midships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.
All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of
Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 16th Jan., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Notley	—	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.FOR
PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. P. Craven	Jan. 25, 1904.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Feb. 13, "
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Mar. 15, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Finest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled.
Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROSETTA MARU	H. S. Smith	3,870	SATURDAY, 9th January, at 11 A.M.
ROHILLA MARU	Ernest Bent	3,860	THURSDAY, 14th January, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House
Street.

K. MAZDA, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1904.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.

REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES,
From 1st January, 1904.
88 1/3 per cent.ALSO REDUCED FARES TO
MANILA AND RETURN.STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw
Steamer

"KWONG CHOW."

1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves Hong-
kong for CANTON at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS,
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning
to Hongkong the following days leaving
CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommoda-
tion for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted
throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey.

Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-
kong Harbour Master's Office.

SHU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,

No. 8, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1903.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LOYD. LINE.STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"SACHSEN."

of the NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,
Captain Pesch, due here with the outward
German Mail about THURSDAY at Noon, will
leave for the above places about 12/24 hours
after arrival.

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY. APCAR."

Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 8th instant,
at 3 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

FOR KOBE, NAGASAKI AND
WLAJOWSTOCK.

THE Steamship

"STOLBERG."

Captain Delnat, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 9th instant,
at Noon.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First and Second Class Passengers and
carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.For Freight or Passage, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG."

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
above, on SATURDAY, the 9th instant,
at Noon.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First class Passengers, and is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR AMOY, SWATOW, STRAITS
AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA."

Captain Packham, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG."

Captain Holman, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 9th January, 1904.For Freight or Passage, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903.

"SHIRE" LINE.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP
AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE."

Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 11th
January, 1904, to be followed by the Steamship
"RADNORSHIRE."Captain C. H. Burch, on or about SATUR-
DAY, the 16th January, 1904.These Steamers have Superior Accommodation
for Passengers.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHU"

Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week
Days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays,
at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao, Week Days at about
2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including
cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5.
2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class
Single Ticket, \$3; Return Ticket, \$5. Return
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,
\$5 extra will be charged for each cabin with
accommodations for two or more passengers.WHARF—At the Western end of Wing Lok
Street.The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY
SUNDAY. It takes only 3 1/2 hours to reach
Macao.

MING ON & CO.,

2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ERNEST SIMONS."

Captain Charbonnel, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 12th
instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. India.
From Australia, ex S.S. Britannia.
From Calcutta, ex S.S. Patana.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and
B. & P. S. N. Co's Steamers.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
5 P.M. TO-DAY.Goods not cleared by the 8th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and
the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognized.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ALEXIA."

Captain Schönfeld, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their goods from
alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before TO-
DAY.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject
to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 11th instant at 4 P.M.No Fire Insurance will be effected.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

BOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LYRA."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA AND KOBE.Cargo at the above Steamer having arrived
per "HONGKONG MARU" from KOBE, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside the latter Steamer.Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1904.

Consignees.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered
by TUESDAY, the 5th instant, at 10 A.M.,
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.J. STUART THOMSON,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

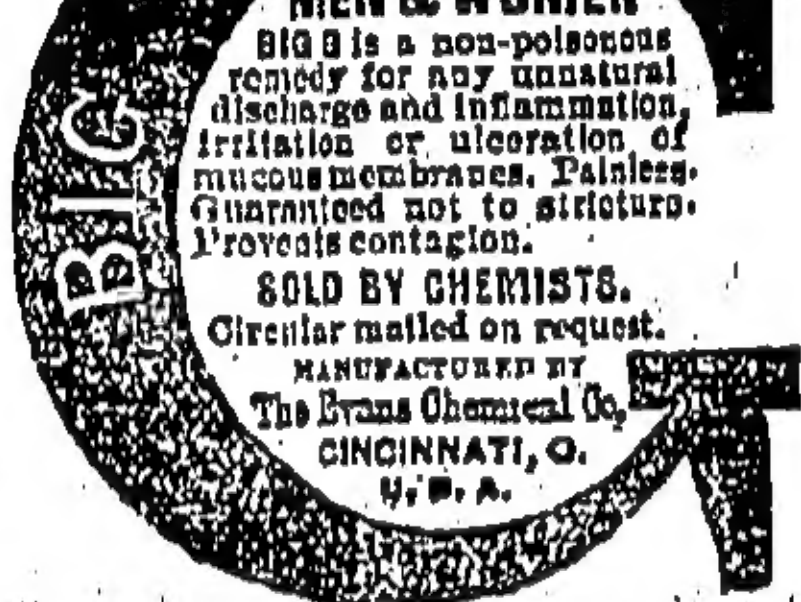
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of
the 8th instant will be landed at Consignees'
risk and expense into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Limited.Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside;
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904.



THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,
acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory:—On the 7th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer
continues to rise over Japan, and has com-
menced to fall over N. China.The anticyclone still covers China and the
greater part of Japan.Gradients are decreasing, and the monsoon
will moderate in the Formosa Channel and N.
part of the China Sea, but continue to blow
strongly over the middle and S. parts of China
Sea.Forecast:—fresh to moderate NE. winds;
fair.Barometer 30.39 30.31
Temperature 58 56
Humidity 61 63
Rainfall..... —CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER
January 7th, 1904. a.m.

Goods	Vladivostok	7 a.m.	30.17	1	83	—	—	0	—
ing	Yokohama	6 a.m.	30.04	—	—	NW	—	0	6
object	Hakodate	"	30.09	—	—	NE	—	2	1
	Tokio	"	30.39	—	—	NW	—	2	1
ure to	Kobe	"	30.50	—	—	—	—	0	1
ll be	Nagasaki	"	30.50	—	—	NE	—	2	1
	Kagoshima	"	30.50	—	—	NE	—	2	1
NIE,	Oshima	"	30.43	—	—	N	—	2	1
	Naha	"	30.41	—	—	NE	—	2	1
[74	Ishigakijima	"	30.37	—	—	NE	—	4	1
	Taihou	5 a.m.	—	—	—	E	—	6	1
	Taihu	"	30.32	—	—	—	—	0	1
	Taiwan	"	30.32	—	—	N	—	2	1
	Koshun	"	30.33	—	—	E	—	4	1
	Pescadore	"	30.36	—	—	NE	—	8	1
	Weihaiwei	9 a.m.	30.52	29	—	NW	—	4	1
CO.	Cutliff	"	30.57	44	76	NNE	—	2	0
	Sharp Peak	"	30.49	50	75	NW	—	1	0
	Amoy	6.30 a.	30.48	52	79	W	—	1	0
rrived	Swatow	9 a.m.	—	—	—				
Con-	Canton	"	—	58	87	N	—		
sistent	Hongkong	"	30.41	60	73	ESE	—		
ture	Victoria Peak	10 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—		
Goods	Gap Rock	"	30.38	—	—	ENE	—		
	Macao	"	30.39	59	—	NNE	—		
	Haiphong	"	—	—	—	—	—		
Vessel	Manila	"	30.12	77	61	WNW	—		
s' risk	Bacolod	9 a.m.	—	—	—	NNE	—		
	Hollo	"	29.94	75	—	NNE	—		
us in	Cebu	"	30.03	86	—	N	—		
ED,	C. St. James	10 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—		

Shipping.

Hermann Lerche, Russian s.s., 1871, Dahlstrom, 6th Jan.,—Wladivostok 30th Dec., Ballast.—B. & Co.
 Hoibao, Fr. s.s., 599, Coser, 6th Jan.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 3rd Jan., Rice and Pigs.—A. R. M.
 Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,189, Wendig, 7th Jan.,—Bangkok 30th Dec., Gen.—M. & Co.
 Hailong, Br. s.s., 783, Gibson, 7th Jan.,—Swatow 6th Jan., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
 Kwongsang, Br. s.s., 1,427, Lake, 7th Jan.,—Canton 6th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Waishing, Br. s.s., 1,170, Courtney, 7th Jan.,—Canton 6th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Taishun, Ch. s.s., 1,216, Jamieson, 7th Jan.,—Canton 6th Jan., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 Hangsang, Br. s.s., 1,356, Wilde, 7th Jan.,—Shanghai 3rd Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,267, Passmore, 7th Jan.,—Cochow 5th Jan., and Amoy 6th Jan., D. L. & Co.
 Tamha Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,800, Wale, 7th Jan.,—Shanghai 4th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.
 Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,142, Tuckwell, 7th Jan.,—Swatow 6th Jan., Ballast.—B. & Co.
 Anping Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,053, Goto, 7th Jan.,—Fochow and Swatow 6th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.
 Ninkpo, Br. s.s., 1,240, Boyd, 7th Jan.,—Chinking 3rd Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Hsieh Ho, for Shanghai.
P. C. K'um, for Hongkong.
Kwongkong, for Swatow.
Kwongkong, for Canton.
Sin Cheong, for Canton.
Sin Cheong, for Yokohama.
Holstein, for Haiphong.
Wingchui, for Macao.
 Jan. 7.
P. C. K'um, for Hongkong.
Holstein, for Haiphong.
Chim, for Saigon.
Fausung, for Singapore.
Lyceum, for Canton.
Chiyuen, for Canton.
Tientsin, for Bombay.
Whumpoa, for Shanghai.
Alesia, for Yokohama.
Hsieh Ho, for Shanghai.
Prinz Valdemar, for Port Arthur.

Per Hailong, from Swatow.

Messrs. Coffin, May, Richardson, and Co. China.
 Per *Hailong*, from Shanghai, etc.—Messrs. Spencer, Ankers, Innes, Criske, and 40 Chinese.
 Per *Tamha Maru*, from Shanghai for Hongkong—Messrs. Sebrae, Mrs. S. S. Messrs. W. Tomotune, G. Reid, K. Hara, J. Lawrence, H. T. Allen, P. H. Davis, R. Toki San, R. Jin Sen and Rin Kei Ji. For Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Dun, Messrs. G. E. Halford, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Ott. For Penang—Mr. F. Brewer. For Colombo—Mr. Hamilton Smith. For Marcellus—Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Sewell. For R. D. Evans Mrs. F. T. Evans, Victor Dejean, Mr. E. Tronquor, and Mrs. F. Esaki. For London—Mr. I. B. McKay, Mrs. M. Blamco, and Mr. K. Kawasumi.

Passengers departed.

Per *Sungking*, for Manila—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Stevens and child, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gille, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Horrie, Mrs. M. Salter, Mrs. F. D. Burdett, Miss F. Horrie, Miss M. Ramirez, Capt. J. J. Schuler, Messrs. P. Wolff, E. R. Hay, H. F. Kenagy, J. Huston, S. Schondelmayer, H. W. Bush, E. Bencke, H. W. Deck, C. Saavedra, and H. A. Macfarlane.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Chenan	Singapore	B. & S.	Jan. 8
Dardanus	Shanghai	B. & S.	Jan. 9
China	Shanghai	P. M. Co.	Jan. 9
Keemun	Singapore	B. & S.	Jan. 9
Kweiyang	Holbo	B. & S.	Jan. 9
Perla	Manila	S. T. & Co.	Jan. 9
Kailong	Manila	B. & S.	Jan. 9
Athenian	Shanghai	C. P. R. Co.	Jan. 10
Denbighshire	Shanghai	S. T. & Co.	Jan. 10
Ernest Simons	Singapore	M. M.	Jan. 11
Lalsang	Singapore	M. & Co.	Jan. 11
Palma	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 11
Macduff	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Jan. 18
Emp. of India	San Francisco	O. & O. Co.	Jan. 18
Doric	San Francisco	O. & O. Co.	Jan. 18
Indravelli	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Jan. 19

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Saiman	Kowloon	Dock	Jan. 8
Anhui	"	"	"
Loongsang	"	"	"
Powan	"	"	"
Haitan	"	"	"
Kansu	"	"	"
Triumph	"	"	"
Devakongse	"	"	"
Amigo	"	"	"
Tatlar	"	"	"
H. G. M. S. Moeve	"	"	"
H. M. S. Glory	"	"	"
U. S. A. T. Sacramento	"	"	"
Salamanca	Cosmopolitan	"	"
Chihli	"	"	"
Paul Beau	"	"	"
U. S. S. Rainbow	"	"	"
Waihora	Aberdeen	"	"

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Hailong* from Shanghai.—Strong N.E. wind, and moderate sea.
 Str. *Hailong* from Swatow.—Strong monsoons, heavy sea, fine and clear.
 Str. *Hailong* from Fochow.—Strong N.E. wind and high sea, moderating towards Hongkong.
 Str. *Nipho* from Chinking.—On the 6th inst. passed H.M.S. *Galat* off Dodd Island, bound N.

Vessels in Port.

STRAMER.
 Amara, Br. s.s., 1,565, Matlock, 5th Jan.,—Mojoi 31st Dec., Coal.—B. & S.
 Andree Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,021, Kohn, 6th Jan.,—Bangkok 29th Dec., Rice.—A. K. & Co.
 Anping, Br. s.s., 1,050, Cowan, 1st Jan.,—Amoy 31st Dec., Ballast.—B. & S.
 Arara, Br. s.s., 2,481, Williamson, 4th Jan.,—Manila 1st Jan., Gen.—S. T. & Co.
 Aratoon Apar, Br. s.s., 2,391, Fey, 6th Jan.,—Calcutta 19th Dec., Penang and Singapore 30th Jan.—D. S. & Co. Ltd.
 Ayri, Br. s.s., 1,055, Gibson, 5th Jan.,—Mojoi 31st Dec., Coal.—D. S. & Co. Ltd.
 Charles Thierghien, Fr. s.s., 2,790, Roy, 25th Dec.,—New York via Singapore and Manila 13th Oct., Gen.—D. & Co. Ltd.
 Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Textor, 29th Dec.,—Bangkok 22nd Dec., Rice.—B. & S.
 Clam, Br. s.s., 2,341, Evans, 23rd Dec.,—Ballast 19th Dec., Liquid Fuel.—Order.
 Clavburn, Br. s.s., 2,358, Parker, N.Y.R. 27th Dec.,—New York 27th Oct., Case Oil.—S. O. Co.
 Dunolly, Br. s.s., 2,126, White, 5th Jan.,—Westport, N.Z. via Newcastle, N.S.W. 11th Dec., Coals.—D. & Co. Ltd.
 Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, Archibald, N.Y.R., 22nd Dec.,—Vancouver, 8th, 30th Nov., and Shanghai 19th Dec., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Firch of Dornoch, Br. s.s., 1,894, Swanton, 5th Jan.,—Mojoi 30th Dec., Coal.—D. & Co. Ltd.
 Germanica, Ger. s.s., 1,714, Bruhn, 6th Jan.,—Canton 5th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Germanica, Ger. s.s., 2,575, Behrmann, 31st Dec.,—Batoum 11th Nov., Cases Oil.—Order.
 Gloamin, Br. s.s., 2,240, Leamonth, 31st Dec.,—Penang 14th Nov., Coals.—Admiralty.
 Gregory Apar, Br. s.s., 2,940, O'Brien, 30th Dec.,—Calcutta 12th Dec., via Penang and Singapore 22nd Jan.—D. S. & Co. Ltd.
 Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,822, Roach, 5th Jan.,—Swatow 4th Jan., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
 Hansa, Ger. s.s., 1,201, Weidlich, 29th Dec.,—Port Louis and Mauritius 6th Dec., Sugar.—Nam Wing & Co.
 Heathdene, Br. s.s., 2,777, Melburn, 3rd Jan.,—Mojoi 29th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
 Hongkong Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,447, Filmer, 31st Dec.,—San Francisco 3rd Dec., Honolulu 10th, Yokohama 24th, Kobe 25th, Nagasaki 27th, and Manila 29th, Mails and Gen.—M. S. S. Co.
 Hoppsing, Br. s.s., 1,359, Hay, 4th Jan.,—Mojoi 29th Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.
 Indrasmita, Br. s.s., 3,366, Craven, 24th Dec.,—Manila 20th Dec., Bamboos and Gen.—Allen Cameron.
 Ischia, Ital. s.s., 2,784, Maganzini, 6th Jan.,—Singapore 29th Dec., Gen.—C. & Co.
 Kolsichang, Ger. s.s., 1,229, Spiesen, 4th Jan.,—Bangkok 26th Dec., Rice and Gen.—V. & S.
 Kowloon, Ger. s.s., 1,487, Stehr, 5th Jan.,—Canton 5th Jan., Gen.—S. & Co.
 Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, Jackson, 3rd Jan.,—Saigon 28th Dec., Rice and Meal.—Nam W. & Co.
 Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,092, Weigall, 2nd Jan.,—Manila 30th Dec., Ballast.—J. M. & Co.
 Lyria, Ger. s.s., 1,315, Porcelins, 5th Jan.,—Hamburg 22nd Nov., Marine Stores.—H. A. L.
 Madeleine Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Sanders, 2nd Jan.,—Bangkok 25th Dec., Rice.—B. & S.
 Maria Valera, Aust. s.s., 2,643, Berberovich, 5th Jan.,—Singapore 30th Dec., Gen.—S. W. & Co.
 Marie Jøben, Ger. s.s., 1,771, Bendixen, 3rd Jan.,—Samarang 16th Dec., Sugar.—J. & Co.
 Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, Rolfe, 25th Dec.,—Borneo Ports 19th Dec., Timber.—J. M. & Co.
 Onsg, Br. s.s., 1,871, Davies, 1st Jan.,—Java 22nd Dec., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.
 Pasha, Br. s.s., 3,830, Elliot, 31st Dec.,—Passenger (Java) 16th Dec., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.
 Phra Chula Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,012, Bohn, 5th Jan.,—Bangkok 28th Dec., Rice.—B. & S.
 Phranang, Ger. s.s., 1,021, Mangelsdorff, 29th Dec.,—Bangkok 22nd Dec., Rice.—B. & S.
 Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, Bremer, 1st Jan.,—Swatow 31st Dec., Gen.—S. & Co.
 Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,146, Johannsen, 29th Dec.,—Mauritius 4th Dec., Sugar.—S. W. & Co.
 Rijnau Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,980, Pynes, 5th Jan.,—Seattle 2nd Dec., Flour, Milk and Coal.—N. Y. K.
 Rosetta Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,493, Smith, 5th Jan.,—Manila 3rd Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.
 Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,611, Almond, 4th Jan.,—Manila 2nd Jan., Gen.—S. T. & Co.
 Shingu Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,002, Kakutaro, 29th Dec.,—Kuchinotzu 24th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
 Stolberg, Ger. s.s., 1,553, Kuchner, 31st Dec.,—Mojoi 27th Dec., Coal and Gen.—H. A. L.
 Strombus, Br. s.s., 3,928, Stock, 3rd Jan.,—Singapore 25th Dec., Petroleum.—A. P. Co.
 Taihu, Ger. s.s., 1,063, Ueberfeld, 2nd Jan.,—Hongkong 30th Dec., Coal.—S. & Co.
 Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,475, Evans, 16th Dec.,—Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for—

Canton—Per *Hailong*, 8th Jan., 7.30 A.M.
 Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok—Per *Phanang*, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Kolsichang*, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Yokohama—Per *Strathgyle*, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Bangkok—Per *M. Rickmers*, 8th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—Per *Haiching*, 8th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Macao—Per *Heungshan*, 8th Jan., 1.15 P.M.
 Straits and Calcutta—Per *Gregory Apar*, 8th Jan., 2 P.M.
 Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui—Per *See Yuh*, 8th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Nampoa—Per *Tachun*, 8th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Sanbue—Per *Hoi Fu*, 8th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Macao—Per *Wingchui*, 8th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Kinsang*, 8th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per *Tamha Maru*, 8th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 9th Jan., 7.30 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Rubi*, 9th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Swatow—Per *Hailong*, 9th Jan., 9 P.M.
 Haiphong—Per *Hailong*, 9th Jan., 9 P.M.
 Manila—Per *Loongsang*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Rosetta Maru*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
 Kobe, Nagasaki and Vladivostok—Per *Stolberg*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
 Shanghai—Per *Maria Valera*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Hongkong Maru*, 9th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Macao—Per *Heungshan*, 9th Jan., 1.15 P.M.
 Sandakan—Per *Mausang*, 9th Jan., 2 P.M.
 Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Shanhsing*, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Amoy, Swatow, Straits and Rangoon—Per *Purnea*, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samshui—Per *See Yuh*, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Shanghai—Per *Woonsing*, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Nampoa—Per *Tachun*, 9th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Sanbue—Per *Hoi Fu*, 9th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Macao—Per *Wingchui*, 9th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Fatsun*, 10th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—Per *Anping Maru*, 10th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 11th Jan., 7.30 A.M.
 Shanghai—Per *Panling*, 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Kinsang*, 11th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 12th Jan., 7.30 A.M.
 Amoy, 12th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per *Tschia*, 12th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle—Per *Rijnau Maru*, 12th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Fatsun*, 12th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 13th Jan., 7.30 A.M.
 Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Australia*, 13th Jan., 10 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of China*, 13th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Anhui*, 13th Jan., 3 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Kinsang*, 13th Jan., 5 P.M.
 Keelung, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and Tacoma—Per *Lyria*, 13th Jan., 11 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Zufra*, 16th Jan., 9 A.M.
 Europe, etc., India, via Tauricorin—Per *Bayern*, 20th Jan., 11 A.M.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

KING EDWARD.
 Bell, Mr. D. W. Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. Brewer, F. M. J. D.
 Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Stirling, Mrs. Yates
 Hatfield, Gilbert G. Stirling, Miss Helen
 Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Stirling, Miss Margaret
 Geo. T. Stirling, Mrs. Yates
 Hick, W. M. Stirling, U.S.N., Rear-Admiral
 Hollingsworth, A. H. Stirling, U.S.N., Lt. Yates
 Lundbolen, Capt. B. Stirling, U.S.N., Lt. Yates
 Lyons, Ed. Stirling, U.S.N., Lt. Yates
 Muelle, Ed. (Consul for Stokes, Capt. and Mrs. Pen) R. H. S.
 Raible, U.S.N., Geo. R. de Boyer
 Baymaster
 Rose, Mr. and Mrs. T. Talai, Mr. and Mrs. M. P.
 Rittenhouse, Capt. and Vaughan, H. S.
 Mrs. B. F. Wallace, Mrs. H. Reynell, Mrs.

CONNAUGHT.

Bain, J. W. Howard, E.
 Bell, J. F. Johanson, M.
 Blair, D. R. Kawata, K.
 Boyce, W. R. Lee, G. E.
 Campbell, R. E. Capt. Macfarlane, Dr. and Mrs. H.
 Christie, Mrs. & Mr. D. Marston, Mr. and Mrs. L.
 Cronin, John Newborn, R. H.
 Donald, W. H. Newby, E. C.
 Dubart, Mrs. B. Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. F. O.
 Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts, A. G.
 Fernandes, J. Robertson, W. R.
 Goetschel, L. Rutherford, N. H.
 Hayter, L. Toy, E.
 Heckford, R. G. Thomson, J. D.
 Helme, E. B. Whitmore, K.
 Hills, Mrs. A. G. and Williams, W. H.
 Hills, L. D.

THOMAS.

Condy, Mr. C. and 2 Meirawitz, K.
 children Nuppbad, C. W.
 Crego, Mr. Rabe, Jno.
 Gibson, I. S. Roberts, Capt. W.
 Hough, Dr. Ryan, James J.
 Howk, A. Smith, J.
 Jacobs, M. Trotter, E. W. and son
 Marshall, F. M. Vance, W.
 Marshall, Miss G. Whitley, Mr.
 Marshall, A. F. Young, L. C.
 McCurdy, Mr.

KOWLOON.

Bilborough, Mr. & Mrs. Kimball, Miss
 Belmont, Fritz Koralewski, Lieut.
 Behnmer, Mr. McChesny, D. N.
 Bell, Robert V. Ritchie, Lieut.
 Evans, E. J. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs.
 Harrison, W. B. and child
 Hudson, Mrs. Shaffer, Thos.
 Kennedy, Mrs. Williams, Capt.

OCCIDENTAL.

Akehurst, C. A. Pezare, Lieut. T.
 Burdett, Mr. F. D. Prittwitz, A. V.
 Chandler, Lt. F. Rehwaldt, Capt.
 Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Rienappel, R.
 Mrs. J. Schattachnes, Mr.
 Gerard, Capt. J. C. Schlechtweg, Gustav
 Gibson, Dr. Skerchey, Mrs. & child
 Kew, Dr. F. Stappelfeld, M.
 Liddell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, H.
 Lopez, Amaro Walters, S.
 Lunder, J. H. Wierthmann, Paul
 North, H. S. Wilkinson, R.

THOMAS.

Condy, Mr. C. and 2 Meirawitz, K.
 children Nuppbad, C. W.
 Crego, Mr. Rabe, Jno.
 Gibson, I. S. Roberts, Capt. W.
 Hough, Dr. Ryan, James J.
 Howk, A. Smith, J.
 Jacobs, M. Trotter, E. W. and son
 Marshall, F. M. Vance, W.
 Marshall, Miss G. Whitley, Mr.
 Marshall, A. F. Young, L. C.
 McCurdy, Mr.

KOWLOON.

Bilborough, Mr. & Mrs. Kimball, Miss
 Belmont, Fritz Koralewski, Lieut.
 Behnmer, Mr. McChesny, D. N.
 Bell, Robert V. Ritchie, Lieut.
 Evans, E. J. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs.
 Harrison, W. B. and child
 Hudson, Mrs. Shaffer, Thos.
 Kennedy, Mrs. Williams, Capt.

THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	\$ 125	{ Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$650
National Bank of China, Ltd.....	£ 8	3 1/16 = \$1.96 1/2 for 1902	\$31 1/2 b.
Do. Founders.....	£ 2	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.....	\$ 100	32 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902	\$490 s.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	16 1/2 % = \$1 for year ended 30.4.1903	\$56 s.
North China In. Co., Ltd.....	£ 25	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902	Tls.220
Yantai In. Association, Ltd.....	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$135
Canton In. Office, Ltd.....	\$ 50	30 % = \$15 per share for 1902	\$175
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$22 1/2 per share for 1901	\$310 s.
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 20	\$5 per share for 1901	\$92 1/2 sa.
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.....	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$31 1/2 sa. & s.
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.....	£ 10	5 % = 10/- per share for 1902	\$73 1/2 sa.
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	10 % = \$5 per share for 1902	\$18 s.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$30
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.....	£ 10	\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30.6.1903	\$30 sa.
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.....	£ 1	60 cts. 30.4.03	\$19
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	£1 2/6 b.
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Limited.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 2 % for 1903	Tls. 30
Do. Preference.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 4 % = Tls. 2.00	Tls. 50 sa.
	Tls. 50	Interim of 3 1/2 % = Tls. 1.75	Tls. 47 1/2 s.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903	\$103 b.
Louzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	5 % = Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.03	Tls. 55
MINING.			
Panjom Mining Co., Ltd.....	\$ 11	None	\$1
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.....	Fr. 250	Fin. of Frs. 30 making Frs. 60 for 1902	\$600 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	£0.18.10	No. 1 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$7 s.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.....	£ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03	Tls. 6 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	12 % = \$6 for 1/2 year 30.6.03	\$209 sa.
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1/2 year ending 31.10.1903	Tls. 122 b.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$96 s.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$38 s.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 215 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$9.80 sa.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1903	\$155 b.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.....	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$35 b.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	Interim of \$1 for 1903	\$52 b.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$6 for first 1/2 year 1903	\$148 sa.
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai).....	\$ 25	2 1/2 % for year ending 30.6.03	\$8
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai).....	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 13 1/2
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$11 sa.
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1903	Tls. 104 1/2 sa.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	{ Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for } 1902/1903	\$15 1/2 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 50	8 % for period ended 31.10.1901	Tls. 33 s.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 75	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 25 b.
Lau-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898	Tls. 40 sa.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00	Tls. 170
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.....	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1903	\$200 b.
Philippine Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	First year	\$10
Shanghai - Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.....	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 52 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$24 1/2 b.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.....	\$ 12	First year	18 1/2 b.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1903	\$12 1/2 b.
Watkins, Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$12 b.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.....	\$ 5	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7 sa.
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.....	£ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 sa.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$145 b.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1903	\$49 b.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$245
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.....	\$ 100	\$20 for year ending 31.11.1903	\$300
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.....	\$ 6	\$14 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$27 1/2 b.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.....	£0.12.6		\$5 s.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.....	\$ 4	90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03 ...	\$20 b.
Do. Founders.....	\$ 10	\$29.70	\$201 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	Final of 6 % making 12 % for year	\$15 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.....	\$ 10	None	25 b.
William Powell, Ltd.....	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9 b.
Maatschappij tot Mijn. & Bosch. en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited.....	Gulden 100	{ 1st interim dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid } 15.12.1903 making so far Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03	Tls. 315
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.....	\$ 50	First year	\$50
South China Morning Post, Ltd.....	\$ 25	First year	\$25
Telegraphic Address—"Rialto." BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS, Share Brokers.			
Telephone No. 148, P. O. Box No. 111.			

HIGH CLASS
GENTLEMEN'S
OUTFITTERS.

EVERYTHING
UP TO DATE.
28, Queen's Road.

WILLIAM POWELL, LTD.,



28 & 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
HONGKONG,
DRAPERS, DRESS-MAKERS AND
GENTS' OUTFITTERS.

HIGH CLASS
GENTLEMEN'S
OUTFITTERS.

FAMED FOR
SHIRTS.

28, Queen's Road.

Everything for Ladies' and
Children's wear.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WINTER JACKETS.

UP-TO-DATE GENTS' DEPARTMENT AT

28, Queen's Road.

January 5th.

R. G. HECKFORD,
MANAGER.